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Mr Speaker,

For the last 3 weeks, law enforcement partners have been coordinating their efforts to end illegal blockades and disruptions in Ottawa and at border crossings.

The RCMP have assisted municipal and provincial forces when requested, helping to stop unlawful protestors, and restoring the freedoms and livelihood of all Canadians.

Mr. Speaker, why is the continued use of the emergencies act necessary to ensure Canadian livelihoods and quality of life are protected?

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Emergencies Act in Use - Ottawa :

- The Emergencies Act gives precision, clarity and new authorities to law enforcement -- including stopping people from coming into the city to participate in the illegal blockade.
- The Ottawa Police have clearly said the Act has given them the authority necessary to take action and protect Ottawa residents, saying "under the Emergencies Act, the Unified Command has established a Secured Area to ensure that individuals comply with the Emergency Measures Regulations and to ensure designated places are protected."
- The Emergencies Act has given police authority to lay charges, including mischief, for those who do not leave the Secured Area and are participating in the illegal blockade.
- The Act also allows for RCMP to quickly and simply enforce municipal laws, allowing them to take quick action and ensuring seamless and expedited cross-jurisdiction cooperation
- Finally, it helps law enforcement and governments mobilize essential services quickly – like tow trucks, barriers and other necessary equipment.

If pressed – Support for the Act

- Our use of the Emergencies Act has support from politicians from all regions of the country, all levels of government and all sides of the political spectrum.
- This extends from New Democrats like Premier Horgan of BC & NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, Liberals like Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson & Premier Furey of NL and prominent Conservatives like Premier Ford, Senator Vern White & former Minister Perrin Beatty (the Minister who introduced the Emergencies Act.)